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AFL CO-ORDINATING BODY SUCCESSFUL IN ACTIVITY TO UNIONIZE ALL BUILDERS

Organized but two weeks ago, the A. F. of L. Co-ordinating Committee in the Salinas area has proved almost an instant success in its efforts to make the building trades and all contracts 100 per cent union. Committee officers and leaders report.

The new Coordinating Committee has as its aim the coordination of activity of all building trades crafts with other interested groups to make a stronger AFL labor movement in the Salinas area. While not actually a functionary body under the Central Labor Council at Salinas, the committee has agreed to work with the Labor Council, it was reported.

Meetings of the Coordinating Committee are held each Wednesday night at Teamsters Union 287 offices, Main and John Sts., Salinas. Chairman is C. R. French, of Lathers 122, and secretary is A. O. Miller, of Carpenters 925. No financial setup has been made and there is no treasurer and no dues.

First successful project by the committee was the signing of Charles Lay, former union teamster and now connected with the Franciscan Hotel, to a contract calling for all maintenance work to be done by union members at the hotel.

All contractors in the Salinas area will be requested to sign the simple agreement of the A. F. of L. Coordinating Committee, an agreement which merely states that the contractors will employ only union craft members and will abide by working rules of the crafts. Sub-contractors are bound by the agreement with the general contractors, who will negotiate wages and conditions with the individual crafts.

Through the Coordinating Committee, a jurisdictional problem which might have affected the coming housing project at the former air base was settled easily and agreeably. In the matter of erection of the metal prefabricated houses, it was agreed that members of Sheet Metal Workers 304 would erect the metal shells, while members of Carpenters 925 would put up fiberboard partitions and would lay the flooring. There is no definite ruling on the jurisdiction from the AFL Building Trades Department to be followed, it was reported.

At the last meeting of the committee, the matter of state use of prisoners in construction of the prison farm project at Soledad was discussed. It was pointed out that buildings now are all temporary construction and prisoners and civil service employees are being used for construction. Future work will be by private contract.

Unions represented at meetings of the A. F. of L. Coordinating Committee have included Carpenters 925, Roofers 50, Bricklayers 16, Plasterers 763, Warehousemen 890, Painters 1104, Lathers 122, Laborers 272, Sheet Metal Workers 304, Teamsters 287, and others. Plumbers and Electricians reportedly are cooperating with the committee actively.

CULINARY-BARTENDER CONFAB DELEGATES SELECTED BY UNIONS

Delegates from Culinary and Bartender Unions in this area will travel to the coming Culinary-Bartenders International Convention in a group, it was announced this week. All will travel in the same section of a fast train.

These delegates include Mildred Rose, secretary of Santa Cruz County Bartenders-Culinary Local 345; Pearl Robinson, of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Local 483, and Bertha Boles, who will represent Salinas Culinary 467 and Bartenders 545.

Frank Stevens Has Operation

Frank Stevens, business agent for Teamsters Union 287 of this area, was in a Salinas hospital last week following an abdominal operation. Friends said he was recovering nicely but would be unable to return to his duties for some time.

Butchers Tell Success of Utah Confab

First detailed report of last month's Conference of Butcher Unions of Eleven Western States, held at Salt Lake City, Utah, was released this week by Earl A. Moorhead, secretary of Butchers 506 of San Jose and vicinity, and is summarized by this paper for benefit of all members of local butcher unions.

The Salt Lake City conference was the first to be held by officials of unions of the West and some 70 delegates attended, representing 50,000 union workers, voting unanimously to make the conferences an annual event. International President E. W. Jimeron and International Secretary Patrick E. Gorman were present.

Highlights of the two-day conference were decisions to make an effort to standardize union contracts throughout the West, resolutions opposing curtailment of functions and authority of the U. S. Department of Labor, and adoption of a comprehensive educational program for unions and union members.

Standardization of agreements by areas, states or regions was voted for action where feasible, particularly in regard to wages, hours, opening dates, sick leave, vacations, holidays, etc. Co-operation between union officials and state and regional officers was urged, along with a defined policy for dealing with chain stores.

Standardization was urged for all agreements, covering butchers, frozen meat preparation, egg and poultry workers, slaughter houses, etc.

Resolutions called for opposition to "any attempt to limit, divide or disperse any of the functions and authority of the U. S. Department of Labor," to condemn all legislation designed to destroy the "organized labor movement as a potent force for the expansion and extension of democracy in this country," and to favor substantially increased budgets for the U. S. Department of Labor and for the U. S. Division of Labor Standards.

In brief messages, International President Jimeron stated his hope that outcome of actions of the Western Conference would benefit the entire union craft, and International Secretary-Treasurer Gorman endorsed the conference and urged setting up of similar groups in other sections of the country.

All delegates present as well as officials urged adoption of a comprehensive educational program. Recommendations adopted by the conference for union action included:

1. That the conference recognize the primary importance of a continuing broad scale program of education.
2. That the International, on its national level, and the State, Regional, and Local Unions in their areas explore and make full use of the educational facilities made available in the schools, colleges, and by the Labor Education Branch of the U. S. Department of Labor.

3. That the International, the Regional, State and Local bodies immediately establish working educational committees to co-ordinate and effectuate such programs.
4. That we recognize the urgent necessity of developing local leadership to a point where the leadership can instruct the rank and file of our Local Unions.

5. That a program of Shop Steward training be instituted immediately.
6. That the education of the entire community as to the meaning and goals of trade unionism be recognized as of major importance in our educational program; and that, especially on a local level, the Union and its members take increased participation in community affairs.

7. That particular emphasis be placed upon the need for developing interest in—and action upon—all legislative matters affecting labor.

Among delegates attending the conference were Earl A. Moorhead, secretary, E. L. Courtwright, business agent, and Butchers Union 506; Edwin Michelson, secretary, and Al Hendrick, president, representing San Mateo Local 516.

At the age of 42 years Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest person to become President of the United States. At the age of 68 years William H. Harrison was the oldest.

Monterey Area Is Fully Union With Butchers

Butchers Union 506 reported last week that organizational activities in the Monterey area has made this section fully union insofar as the butchers are concerned.

Business Agent E. L. ("Pete") Courtwright reports that all butcher shops in the Seaside district near Monterey have been signed to contracts by Local 506.

Courtwright previously reported that the Salinas area is 100 per cent union with the Butchers Local.

Work Continues Good in "Row"

Employment along Monterey's famed Cannery Row has been on the upturn since the end of the regular sardine season as more and more plants are beginning summer pack and fancy pack, the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union reports.

Work has been steady, although on a small scale, at the Hovden, Oxnard, San Carlos, Edgewater and Enterprise plants.

Pack has included summer sardines, squid, mackerel and whatever other fish might be available, it was reported.

Plumbers 62 Sending Two To State Meet

Howard Tretsel, president of Plumbers Union 62 of Monterey, and Don O'Neal, member of the union will represent that union at the California State Pipe Trades Council conference at Fresno this week-end, it was announced.

Lloyd Long, member of Local 62 and secretary of the Monterey County Building Trades Council, attended the State Building Trades Convention at San Francisco last week.

Work Picks Up In Salinas Area

Work for building tradesmen was showing a slight increase last week with warmer weather, union officials reported.

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers 272, and George Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925, both reported a slight increase in jobs as the weather improved.

Start of the rodeo grounds renovation was delayed and contract for the airbase housing project still had not been let.

In Soledad, the new theater was beginning to get underway as first concrete pouring was started.

Pickets Still Before Laundry

Pickets of Laundry Workers Union 258 were still before the Modern Linen Supply at Salinas last week and arrangements were progressing for union service of linens to butcher shops, barber shops, cafes and restaurants and other places on demand, it was reported.

Business Representative J. W. Deer had no statement for this paper on progress of the campaign to unionize the laundry or on plans for union linen services, however, and details were lacking.

Op. Engineers Seek Contract In Salinas Area

Operating Engineers Union 39 of this area has started negotiations for a new contract covering engineers working in the Watsonville-Salinas area, reports Business Representative R. A. Christiansen.

Attempts to get parity with rates now paid in San Francisco and vicinity will be made, Christiansen said. Wages and conditions will be bettered, he said.

Federal Grand Jury In Eisler Indictment

Washington, D.C. A federal grand jury here has indicted Gerhart Eisler, German anti-Fascist refugee, on a charge of contempt of Congress because of his refusal to testify under oath before the House un-American Activities Committee on February 6. He faces a penalty of up to one year in jail or a \$1000 fine if convicted.

Johnson Wins Widows' Aid Suit in SSA

Arthur L. Johnson, prominent San Jose attorney and Democratic candidate for Congress in 1944, was victor in an important case recently which resulted in a change in U. S. Social Security regulations which will grant improved benefits to widows.

Meanwhile, Johnson said he is pressing a Federal Court suit to bring social security benefits to dried fruit workers who are now deprived of these benefits.

In the case which brought benefits to widows, a Santa Clara woman, Mrs. Johanna Wacholz, was involved. Congressional action finally brought about a change in "widows' recomputation" which will affect some 3000 persons throughout the nation.

Johnson said that Mrs. Wacholz' husband, Charles, retired in 1940 under social security benefits. Later he became a war worker. He became ill three years later but accumulated \$5500 in Social Security credits before he died in 1944.

Mrs. Wacholz applied for Social Security benefits in 1944 but her husband then was represented as too ill to recompute and include the \$5500 in earnings on which to base new Social Security benefits. Mrs. Wacholz' benefits were based on her husband's earnings prior to his work in a war plant.

Attorney Johnson exposed the injustice of the method of figuring benefits in such a case, and Congressional action finally provided \$2.85 more in monthly benefits for Mrs. Wacholz for the rest of her life, retroactive to last August.

The congressional action was based on the contention that widows are entitled to a recomputation where husbands return to work after normal retirement. Johnson estimated some 3000 widows are affected by the ruling.

Johnson carried the case to the Appeals Council of the Social Security Board in Washington last May after an adverse ruling by a local referee. In July of last year he protested vigorously to Board Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer and Federal SSA Administrator Watson B. Biller, and suggested new administrative regulation or an amendment to the law to correct the unfair situation, and the amendment to the law resulted.

In the matter of social security benefits to dried fruit workers, Johnson said he was preparing to battle Federal opposition to his contention that benefits totaling \$60,000,000 are due an estimated 20,000 workers. Of this sum, \$9,000,000 would go to workers in this area.

Johnson is preparing documents to oppose government appeal of a U. S. District Court decision. This reversed a Social Security Board ruling that dried fruit workers are not entitled to benefits.

The government has now appealed the case to the U. S. Circuit Court, Johnson said. He said he was permitted about a month in which to file a brief. This will answer the government's transcript. The case will then be argued orally. "The Social Security Board holds that workers who pack food in wooden or paper containers are not entitled to benefits," said Johnson. "This is on grounds they are 'agricultural workers.'"

"If the workers pack food in cans they are classified as industrial employees. Under this classification they would receive benefits. Dried fruit workers have been paying for Social Security benefits for 10 years the same as industrial workers."

Johnson filed the test case for Mrs. Luccini Bettencourt of Santa Clara. He said Mrs. Bettencourt was denied seven years of Social Security benefits at age 65.

Thirteen Million in Miner Welfare Fund, But None Spent Yet

Washington, D.C. Although U. S. coal operators have now paid more than \$13 million into the health and welfare fund set up by the United Mine Workers (AFU) in their contract with the federal government, not a cent of the money has been spent.

UMW Pres. John L. Lewis revealed this fact in a letter to Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) in which he also reported that the third trustee for the fund had not been selected.

Lewis and Capt. N. H. Collisson, USNR, coal mines administrator, are two of the trustees and the UMW has submitted a list of 11 for possible selection as the third member.

Benefits In '46 Shipyard Beef on Way

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. At long last, decisions are being received covering the final cases in which appeals have been taken from original determinations of the Department of Employment denying all workers at all establishments unemployment insurance during the period November 1945 through March 1946, on the ground that they had all left their work voluntarily because of a labor dispute.

The California State Federation of Labor, through its legal counsel, took an active part in these appeals from the very beginning and did everything possible to win benefits for the workers involved.

THE RESULTS OF REVERSALS The results of the various appeals indicate that the employees of the following establishments have received determinations reversing the original determinations denying benefits and have been held eligible to receive benefits: Bethlehem, Alameda; General Engineering, Alameda; General Engineering, San Francisco; Hurley Marines; Pacific Coast Engineering; United Engineering, and Western Pipe and Steel.

The original determinations denying benefits have been affirmed in the Bethlehem, San Francisco, Matson and Moore cases.

THE MATSON CASE In the Matson case, the original determination made by the Department was reversed by the referee, but after hearing before the Appeals Board, the Appeals Board reversed the decision of the referee and again denied benefits. In the Bethlehem, San Francisco, and Moore cases, determinations denying benefits were made uniformly by the Claims Deputies, the referee and the Appeals Board.

Although the success to date has resulted in the payment of substantial amounts of benefits, at the present time it is understood that legal action is contemplated with reference to Bethlehem, San Francisco, Matson and Moore's in the hopes of obtaining additional payments.

TAX GRAVY FOR TRUSTS, LITTLE FOR JOE WORKER

Washington, D.C. While the average Joe in the factory or shop wonders whether his union is going to win him a couple of extra bucks in the weekly pay check, America's industrial giants are busy posting U. S. Treasury refund checks on the credit side of their ledgers.

Income tax refunds, due under the law passed despite the late President Roosevelt's veto as "aiding the greedy at the expense of the needy," poured well over \$3 billion into the tills of corporations and wealthy individuals.

Top dog among the recipients was the Aluminum Corp. of America which received a refund of \$47,168,578 under the carry back provision of the law passed by a coalition of polltax Democrats and the Republicans.

Shell Oil got a check for \$9,359,394, while Philadelphia's Cramp Shipbuilding Corp. deposited \$9,775,762; the Pennsylvania Railroad \$12,229,260 and the Southern Pacific a neat \$18,393,461.

American Viscose Corp. in the textile field did almost as well as Standard Oil of Indiana. Each exceeded \$6 million, as did the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. They did pretty well too on the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe, pocketing \$17,759,089 of Uncle Sam's dollars.

E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. received a refund of \$6,279,434, just a few hundred thousand less than the American Rolling Mill Co. Curtiss-Wright Corp. drew down \$3,571,453 and the Natl. Lead Co. \$3,462,996.

Rather Jolly, What?

An Englishman, just returning from the United States to London was much impressed with our slang phrase, "So's your old man." In telling his friends about it he explained: "You know they have a deucedly funny saying ovah theah which they question what you say. Instead of sneering, 'Fiddle sticks, you don't mean it, old chappie,' they say, 'Oh, hell, youah faithah is the same way.' Clevah, isn't it? Haw! Haw!"

Two Against Seven



Arguing that the Norris-La Guardia Act barred issuance of the original government injunction against Pres. John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers (AFU), Supreme Court Justices Frank Murphy (left) and Wiley B. Rutledge registered strong dissents against the majority opinion. (Federated Pictures)

Time Lost in Strikes Drops One-Sixteenth

Washington, D.C. A new postwar low mark in time lost through strikes was reached in January, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

While Congress looked into so-called causes of labor disputes, labor racked up a record of losing but two-tenths of 1 per cent of estimated working time through work stoppages. This was one-half the time lost in December, and one-sixteenth the rate of January, 1946.

Warns "Baiters"

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'Ignore Laws Against Closed Shop' Advice Of President Green

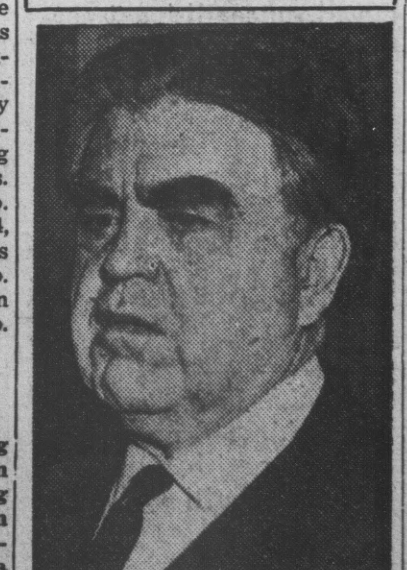
Chicago, Ill. Unionists are advised by AFL Pres. William Green to ignore state legislation against the closed shop until it has been ruled upon by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Promising that the AFL would challenge the validity of the laws, Green told the 16th convention of the Bro. of Paper Makers: "The Supreme Court already has upheld the closed shop and will again so decide."

To illustrate the impossibility of enforcing such laws, Green said: "I'm an old coal miner and I found as a coal miner that there isn't any power on earth that can compel a union coal miner to work with a scab."

As of January 31st, the American Red Cross maintained a total overseas personnel of 2720 for welfare and recreational work in American military camps and hospitals as well as for American Red Cross overseas civilian relief programs.

Workers Losers



Pres. John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers (AFU) lost their fight against government-strikebreaking by injunction when the Supreme Court ruled against them. The adverse decision affects all labor. (Federated Pictures)

California Congressmen Help Weaken Wg.-Hr. Act

Congress recently voted on HR 2157, a bill to pass amendments to weaken the existing Federal Wage-Hour Law. Labor strenuously opposed this bill, but it was passed by the House by a vote of 345 to 56, with 230 Republicans and 115 Democrats voting for it.

A vote against HR 2157 is pro-labor; a vote for it is against labor. Here is the record of California members of the House of Representatives on the measure:

Voting for it (and against labor) are: Clarence F. Lea, J. Leroy Johnson, John J. Allen, Jr., Jack Z. Anderson, Bertrand W. Gearhart, Alfred J. Elliott, Ernest K. Bramblett, Richard M. Nixon, Norris Poulson, Gordon L. McDonough, Donald L. Jackson, Willis W. Bradley, Carl Hinshaw, John Phillips and Charles K. Fletcher.

Voting against it (and for labor) are: Frank R. Haverner, Richard J. Welch, George P. Miller, Helen Gahagan Douglas, Cecil R. King and Chef Hollifield.

The following are on record as not voting: Clair Engle and Harry Sheppard.

New Injury Report Form Authorized

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. A new official form for reporting industrial injuries in California, as required by law, has just been announced by Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations. According to Mr. Scharrenberg, "the revision of the injury report form is part of an intensive campaign by the Department of Industrial Relations to reduce the toll of industrial casualties in the state."

Last year, there were more than 600,000 industrial injuries in California, of which 100,000 were serious, and close to 600 resulted in death. This shocking condition, the Director of Industrial Relations declares, must be corrected.

QUESTIONS BOILED DOWN The new report form, which must be used after April 1, has been simplified by eliminating a large number of questions, and revisions have been made for the purpose of deriving more complete information on causes of accidents for use in accident prevention work.

Statistical data compiled by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research from these industrial injury reports will be made promptly available to those engaged in safety work, as well as to all interested organizations.

BENEFITS WORKERS In order to reduce industrial injuries, it is necessary to have complete facts on causes of industrial accidents. The new form is designed to help the department determine unsafe conditions and practices which should be remedied in order to reduce the large number of industrial accidents and fatalities in California, including the State Compensation Insurance Fund. The form is to be used in accordance with instructions from the insurance carriers.

The law requires every employer to file a report for every work injury to an employee. The Federation joins with Mr. Scharrenberg in urging employers to file these reports promptly in order to assist the department in its work to prevent accidents.

And have you heard about the prisoner who counted zebras jumping over fences in order to fall asleep?

Business Agent's Life in 3 Rounds

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following, appearing in the March issue of The Journal of Electrical Workers, is reprinted at the request of local members of the IBEW.)

Round One:

A business manager is supposed to be a man who is capable of creating jobs for the membership when there are none to be had. He must be especially fitted to have a job for a member when he reports out of work. He must have the ability to defend himself on all occasions, physically and otherwise, and have ample influence to get all members out of any kind of trouble at all times, no matter how serious the trouble is. He must have sufficient unencumbered real estate so as to be in a position to sign personal bonds. He should also carry enough ready cash to insure membership small loans for meals, street car fare, lodging, canvas gloves, gasoline, tobacco, theatre money, and other things too numerous to mention, such as cashing checks, buying drinks, and fare for the ball games. He must furnish his own car to carry members to different jobs and have a telephone in his house and must keep himself available to the membership at all times.

Round Two:

He must keep himself posted so as to know where every member can be located on a minute's notice. He must be capable of defending a member before all employers, even when said member is discharged for a good cause, and force the employer to maintain all in employment whether he wants them or not. He must be able to collect all wages for members which conscientious scruples forbid individuals to ask for themselves. When sending a member out on a job he should have sufficient vision to give said member the correct number of days the job will last, the amount of overtime he should make, when they pay, how many days they hold back, and how the pusher is to work for; also whether they pay in cash or by check, and if by check should pay the bank on all out-of-town checks so the poor member will not starve. He must visit the sick, purchase tickets for all bazaars, picnics, boxing contests, ball games, charity balls, and all other worthy causes from his personal funds, which as a rule are rather small when he is on the membership payroll.

Round Three:

He must keep posted as to conditions in all cities in the United States and be personally acquainted with all business managers and secretaries of all local unions, so as to insure prompt acceptance of all traveling cards, have a job for the member and his hotel room reserved when he arrives. He must have a pleasing disposition, be posted on weather conditions so as to be able to tell in advance whether it will rain or snow. He must be posted on all current events, know how to drive or fix any car belonging to any of the members if they should have trouble with the car, and know how to get best results from radios and saxophones. He must keep well posted on all sporting events, hand out winning tips on the stock markets, horse races, dog races, ball games and what number Cuba will throw; also, what the treasury balance will be. He must know who the best doctors, lawyers and loan sharks are. He must take all insults from the members and learn to like it, for they seem to think that is what they pay him for. If a business manager can do all these in addition to getting a closed shop town, with better wages and shorter hours, with a smile on his face, most of the members will say that he is a deaf and dumb business manager and should be defeated at our next election.

The business manager goes round and round, yo, ho, yo, ho, oh!
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The Labor Editor Speaks

WE'RE GOING CRAZY!

Despite its world leadership in productive capacity and in general living standards, the competitive social and economic order of the United States is afflicted with an underlying sickness. That sickness is manifested in the rapid growth of various forms of insanity and "mental conflict." Consider the following facts:

One out of every ten persons in our country is mentally or emotionally disturbed and in need of treatment. Of every twenty living persons, one will be admitted to a mental hospital at some time during his life. The total number of mental illnesses is larger than the combined total of infantile paralysis, cancer and tuberculosis!

About one-half of the hospital beds in the United States are in mental wards.

One out of every three men who were rejected by the draft for medical reasons was turned down because of neuro-psychiatric ailments, which totalled 1,825,000 cases.

That is a serious indictment of our "American way of life." Hospital treatment is only a palliative. It is like trying to cope with yellow fever while ignoring the mosquitoes. The big mosquitoes that are causing all this mass mental maladjustment in the United States are: (1) worry over insecurity, (2) the spirit of competition—riding rough-shod over the other fellow to "get ahead," and (3) the struggle of "keeping up with the Joneses."

Insanity and mental conflicts resulting from syphilis, brain injury or congenital feeble-mindedness can be treated only in the hospital, but the bulk of mental disorders will not be headed off until we make everybody secure in employment, sickness and old age. Another essential is an educational system that provides vocational guidance to eliminate the millions of square pegs in round holes—one of the most prolific causes of resentments and rebellions that can lead to conflicts.

The fact of the matter is that our social arrangements are lagging far behind our mechanical and industrial progress. Speed and more speed, gadgets and more gadgets, push-buttons and more push-buttons, ten-hour day, eight-hour day, soon a six-hour day—but meanwhile more and more of us are getting battier and battier. It is doubtful whether modern Americans are as happy humans as the pioneers of the early 1800s who had no phones or radios or autos or mechanical refrigerators or steam heat, but who had a flintlock and an axe and a chance to move onto a free piece of land when the going got rough. It was poverty, but it was security. Folks were so busy with their hands that they had no time to let their minds go haywire.

This is no plea for a return to the "good old days." These are vastly better days—potentially. But we must realize that our internal combustion-electric-atomic age is too complex an affair for the human animal unless we arrange our social life to balance the shocks.

The agitators who are hell-bent on a real social security program for this country are what the doctor ordered. May their tribe increase!

MR. STIMSON AND THE BOMB

In an article in *Harper's Magazine*, Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, declares that when Premier Suzuki of Japan rejected the Potsdam ultimatum for unconditional surrender, the United States had no alternative but to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Mr. Stimson, however, does not mention any attempt to contact the heads of the Japanese government and to guarantee them safe passage to witness a demonstration of the bomb's destructive power in some uninhabited area. It is conceivable that if such a demonstration could have been arranged, unconditional surrender might have resulted and the killing of 100,000 men, women and child civilians in the two cities might have been avoided. The point here is that no effort was made to provide such a demonstration. Militarily, the use of the bomb as a last resort to stop the war and save the lives of American soldiers was justifiable. Actually, we used the bombs before we had exhausted our alternatives. Morally, then, the course taken was probably indefensible. The whole thing is history and done with, of course, but Mr. Stimson brought it up!

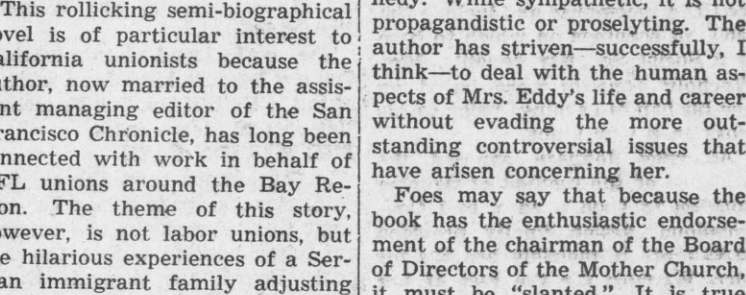
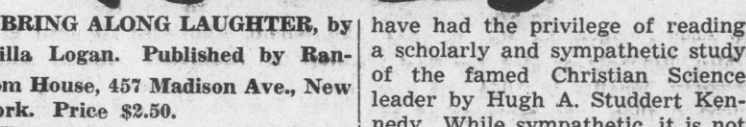
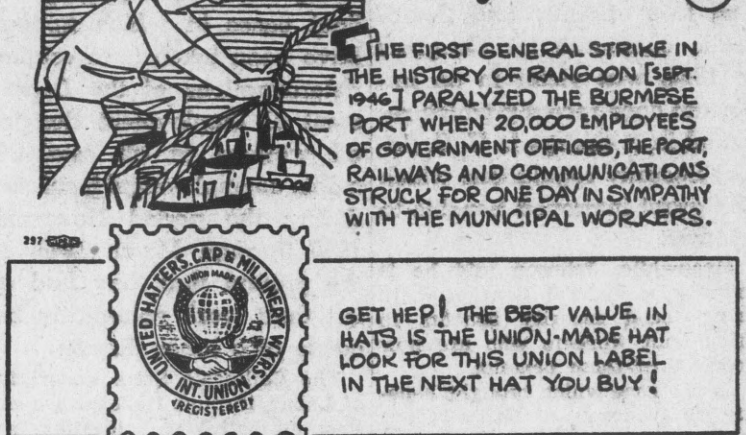
ONE WAY OF DOING IT

In a recent speech in Mexico, President Truman intimated that we must curb the atom or perish. Our way of curbing the atom is to go on stockpiling atomic bombs.

FIRST THINGS LAST

In the United States we spend \$3 billion a year on education, \$7 billion a year for liquor, and \$18 billion a year for our army and navy. You make your own comment.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



This rollicking semi-biographical novel is of particular interest to California unionists because the author, now married to the assistant managing editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, has long been connected with work in behalf of AFL unions around the Bay Region. The theme of this story, however, is not labor unions, but the hilarious experiences of a Serbian immigrant family adjusting themselves to their new surroundings in San Francisco as nostalgia for the old country recedes into the background. The author herself, although born in San Francisco, is of Yugoslav parentage and knows of what she writes.

The story is just what the publishers say it is—"the light-hearted story of a Serbian family of San Francisco whose feasts and frolics and screwball antics made life one long festa." No matter what the discouragements were (and one of them included being wiped out in the great fire and quake), the participants always come up with a saving grin. Baba (Grandmother) Yane you will long remember.

Miss Logan has written a human, heart-warming story that will lift you as you chuckle. It has sociological significance, too, for adjustment processes of these sterling (if occasionally zany) folk must have been common to the scores of thousands of South Slav peoples who came to the United States to add their yeoman qualities to the great melting pot. An evening with "Bring Along Laughter" will inspire as well as amuse.

MRS. EDDY, by Hugh A. Studdert Kennedy. Published by Farrar Press, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco 4, Calif. Price \$5.50 postpaid. About 30 years ago I read the fulminations of Mark Twain against Christian Science. About 17 years ago I read the critical biography of Mary Baker Eddy by Edward Franklin Dakin. Then, as an "antidote," I read the official life by Sibyl Wilbur. And now I

The three R's: At 25, Romance; at 45, Rent; at 65, Rheumatism.

BRAILLE BINGO FOR THE BLIND



Dorothy Beadie, Red Cross recreation worker at Valley Forge general hospital, Pennsylvania, shows blinded soldier how to work a "braille" bingo board she invented. Red Cross Community Service to camps and hospitals is supplying quantities of the boards.

Survey Shows Majority of People Back Labor Unions

New York City.

Although three-fourths of the American people expect a Republican President in 1948, a Fortune survey warned that the GOP 1946 landslide was neither a swing to the right nor a condemnation of major New Deal reforms.

The Fortune survey set out mainly to discover why Roosevelt supporters in 1944 switched to the Republican bandwagon in the last election. Its conclusion: "The Republican landslide in 1946 has been characterized by some as a swing to the right, but an examination of the popular trend of thought does not bear this out. There is no wish to do away with many of the social reforms instituted by the Democrats; more specifically there is no demand even to abolish the basic tenet of the Wagner Act.

NO SWING TO "RIGHT"
"Perhaps the 'swing to the right' idea is an illusion evoked by the abrupt termination of the swing in the other direction. Perhaps the results of the last election can best be described as a halt to the left."

Responses to three questions showed the pro-New Deal temper of the people surveyed. A total of 48 per cent wanted to see extension of social security, with 54 per cent of consistent Democrats, 58 per cent of converted Republicans and 47 per cent of consistent Republicans favoring the proposal. Those questioned were 70 per cent in favor of retaining the minimum wage law, which was supported by 80 per cent of converted Republicans, 77 per cent of consistent Democrats and 65 per cent of consistent Republicans.

FAVOR WAGNER ACT
Republican newcomers were also in the lead in favoring the collective bargaining principle of the Wagner Act. Fifty-five per cent of them favored collective bargaining as against 49 per cent of the consistent Democrats and 45 per cent of the consistent Republicans. The total was 45 per cent as against a total of 31 per cent who were opposed.

The main factors leading to the Democratic defections, Fortune said, "were squarely domestic, centering on the question of labor policy—but not the right to organize—and on government finance."

A somewhat larger number than in the last poll last summer favored outlawing all strikes, but 54 per cent of the people are still strongly opposed to such laws.

Laud Teamsters Running Gamut Of Alcan Hiway

Fairbanks, Alaska

A troop of 11 rugged teamsters who for over three weeks bucked snow drifts in sub-freezing weather have arrived here after hauling 18 pieces of heavy construction equipment from Seattle over the 1600-mile Alcan Highway.

The crew, members of Local 174, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL), were part of a "test-tubs" experiment to determine whether some 100 pieces of equipment for use in constructing permanent Army and Navy bases in the Far North would be hauled overland or shipped by water to Alaska ports. The decision will be made after seeing how both men and equipment stood up under the grueling drive.

The drivers, all from Seattle, are Lowell E. Cook, leader of the group, Frank C. Howard, William Woolflock, Horace Watkins, J. W. Morrison, Jim Hill, Frank Loeffkins, J. J. Laird, Frank Brown, Bryan L. Reed and David Orme.

Decision of Court On Miners Can't Dig Coal, Says Official

Detroit, Mich.

"It won't dig any coal," was the succinct comment of Pres. Frank X. Martel, Detroit & Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL), in reference to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that Pres. John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers were guilty of contempt of court.

Other labor men in Detroit also attacked the court, ranging from unprintable remarks to expressions of disappointment. Many commended Justice Frank Murphy for stating in his dissenting opinion that the Supreme Court was guilty of "judicial disregard" of the will of Congress in overriding the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction act. The court had held that the government is not bound by the act, though there is no such exemption in the law itself.

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One man was telling another about the time he served on a jury in a case where a woman was on trial for murder. He said:
"Yes, I served on the jury. They were holding a woman for shooting her husband. She was so good looking we couldn't convict her and we couldn't turn her loose on account of our wives, but it worked out all right 'cause her husband was an Elk. We just fined her \$25 for shooting an Elk out of season."

CREDIT IN QUESTION
An old colored preacher was warning his parishioners about sin. "Sin," he said, "is lak a big dog. Dere's de big dog of pride, and de big dog of envy, and de big dog of gluttony, and, finally, brothers, dere's de big dog of sex. Now folks, you gotta kill dose dogs afore you're ever gonna get to heaven. It can be done—I know—'cause I've done it. I killed de big dog of envy and de big dog of pride, and de big dog of gluttony—and yes, brethren, I killed de big dog of sex!"
A small voice rose from the rear of the church: "Brudder, are you sure dat las' dog didn't die a natchel death?"

ON HER WAY UP
MOE: "That dame has sure become prominent in the sassity pages, hasn't she?"
ZOE: "Yeah. Her folks didn't have anything either. How come?"
MOE: "Oh, she just climbed the social ladder, lad by lad."

A LIFTING DIVERSION
GOITIE: "I sure like to watch dogs play games, don't you?"
MOITIE: "Dogs playing games? Don't be sill, Goit. Dogs don't play games."
GOITIE: "Sure they play games. Didn't you ever watch 'em playing hydrant seek?"

DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES
MOE: "What's the difference between a fat lady and an old spinster?"
ZOE: "Search me—what?"
MOE: "Well, the fat lady is trying to diet, and the spinster is dying to try it."

EMERGENCY BRAKE
It was moonlight, and he had parked the car along the side of the road and begun to go into his clutch act. Said the girl:
"There's just one thing I want to tell you before you go any further."
"What's that?" asked the eager Romeo.
"Don't go any further," replied the girl.

BROTHER, YOU'RE FADED
MOITIE: "Say, Goit, didja hear about Malzie?"
GOITIE: "Naw, what about 'er?"
MOITIE: "Well, it seems that her boy friend said to her, 'I'll bet you wouldn't marry me.' So she called his bet and raised him five."

GILT-EDGE CREDIT
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD (to cashier): "How come you lent \$5,000 to that cute blonde? She must have presented good letters of recommendation."
CASHIER: "She did. She had some love letters I once wrote to her."

SUCH IMPERTINENCE
WIDOW: "I wonder if I've been insulted. My lawyer just told me that I have a nice fat legacy."

JUST A CLODHOOPER
Two farmers met at the cross-roads.
"Where are you going?" asked Farmer Brown.
"To get this wheelbarrow fixed, which the hired man broke," replied Farmer Jones.
"Same hired man that got your daughter into trouble?"
"Yep."
"Clumsy, ain't he?"

REAL COOPERATION
Wondering if the good-looking gal who was working beside him in the plant would accompany him to the union meeting, the plywood worker asked:
"Say, honey, what have you got on for tonight?"
Imagine his surprise when she replied:
"Nothing I couldn't get out of for you, darling!"

Quite Safe
They were entertaining the preacher at lunch, and the guest remarked to the small boy of the house: "Don't you ever say prayers before your meals, my child?"
"Oh, no," replied the child. "Dad says our cook's pretty reliable."

Root of Trouble
JANEY: "Mother, I don't believe I can go to school today."
MOTHER (perplexed): "Why, dear?"
JANEY: "'Cause I don't feel well."
MOTHER (sympathetically): "Where don't you feel well?"
JANEY: "In school."

Remember They Told Us Ending Controls Would Level Prices?

Washington, D.C.
Remember when they told us that once price control was removed "things would quickly find their natural price level?"
Not only are consumer prices still steadily going up, but a special report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on waste and scrap materials price trends shows a 37.5 per cent increase in the last six months of 1946. Almost all of this took place between November 9, general de-control day, and December 31.
Scrap prices are now a mere 134.8 per cent higher than in August of 1939.

Electricians, Contractors Agree on 20c To 30c Boosts

Spokane, Wash.
Wage increases of from 20c to 35c an hour have been agreed upon by the Natl. Electrical Contractors Assn. and the Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) in Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho. Approximately 400 workers in the Northwest are affected.
Hourly wage scales, with the old figure listed first, are: Foremen and cable splicers, \$2.15 and \$2.50; journeymen linemen and equipment operators, \$1.90 and \$2.10; compressor operators, powder men, hammer operators and truck drivers, \$1.50 and \$1.70; helpers, \$1.35 and \$1.55. A new classification for hole diggers was added with a minimum rate of \$1.35.
The new contract is effective for one year and is automatically renewable for one year thereafter but can be terminated on 30-day written notice.

Snake in the Grass

SAILOR: "I see there's a rule against tips here."
"WAITRESS: "Bless your heart, apples were forbidden in the Garden of Eden, too."

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AFL Proposes Program Aiding School System

Washington, D.C.
The AFL committee on education adopted a 4-point program to protect the nation's school systems by keeping the most qualified teachers in the profession.
The group proposed:
1—State and local campaigns to increase teachers' pay.
2—Increased federal appropriations to aid state school systems, particularly in those state least able to finance their schools alone.
3—State teacher security legislation, including retirement plans and job tenure protection.
4—Defeat of proposals to base teachers' pay on a so-called merit system.
A committee statement said organized labor "will be rendering a distinct public service by crystallizing public sentiment for elimination of the neglect and abuses from which the nation's teachers have been suffering."

Keep Trying, Bub!

A Chicago bank advertises a new kind of checking account where it's okay to draw more money out than you put in—up to \$25, if you repay next month. We're sorry to say the bank hasn't found exactly the kind of checking account workers are crying for, but at least it's getting warm.

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But one thing can be foreseen in the disaster that will strike every week of the year somewhere in our nation—

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Women Launch Boycott Move Against Pork

Glen Rock, N.J. Pigs is pigs, but housewives are housewives—and they draw their purse-strings at \$1-a-pound pork-chops.

A boycott of the newly aristocrat-priced meat has been started here by the American Housewives Organized Inc. Explained Mrs. Gloria Bartlett, president: "We'll let pork and pork products rot in stores and warehouses rather than pay a dollar a pound for it."

She said her organization was determined to spread the boycott from town to town across the country.

"Some of us may have the money to buy pork and other exorbitant items," he said, "but none of us has the moral right to let one small group of people walk all over us in order that they may swell their own coffers and grow fat on the money that must somehow be made to support our homes and families."

Some people mistake a closed mind for strength of character.

When Mixed Group Dines in Miami, That's News Copy

Miami, Fla. Robert Nathan, noted economist and lecturer, spoke at an American Veterans Committee dinner here, but it was the audience that stole the show.

For the first time Negroes and whites met in a hotel and dined together socially in this southern town. The dinner, held on the roof of the swank Alcazar Hotel, was attended by more than 75 key citizens of Miami.

Breaking down Jim Crow isn't easy but the AVC carried off its coup without a single incident. Negro guests were met at the elevator and escorted to the dining room by their hosts. Hotel guests couldn't believe their eyes, but there were no complaints.

Most heartening sign were the statements by the white waiters after they were notified they would be serving a mixed crowd. "It's an honor," and "Why, we don't care about the color of a man's skin as long as he's a gentleman," were some of the remarks made by waiters who had never before served Negroes.

Sitting across the table from the Federated Press correspondent was the famous dancer, Bill Robinson, whose eyes were moist when he told this reporter: "This is the way it should be, no hatred, no bigotry. You see, it can be done. This is a wonderful night for my people in the South."

In his speech Nathan warned that a depression comparable to that of 1921 was inevitable within the next six months and that it could be cushioned only by an immediate increase in wages.

The economist emphasized that unless prices come down and the government guarantees full employment, the U.S. might turn Fascist within the next five years. "Hitler would never have risen in Germany if the people had not been frustrated," he said. "The same thing can happen here."

AFL Man Appointed State Commissioner

Montgomery, Ala.

Pres. R. R. Wade of the Alabama Federation of Labor has been named state labor commissioner by Gov. James E. Folsom. As an employee of the Alabama Power Co. in Tallahassee, Wade was formerly financial secretary of Local 904, Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL). He is already drafting a revised labor code for submission to the legislature.

American Red Cross College Units now have working organizations at nearly 200 American colleges and universities.

Congressman Urges Probe Of Food Cost

Washington, D. C.

Congress should investigate the causes of the "unending raid on the public" represented by the tremendous increase in the cost of living in the last six months, Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D., Ill.) told the House. He offered a resolution to empower the House Agriculture Committee to do just that, and report back within 60 days.

Sabath's resolution asked that special reference be made to such foods as meat, dairy products, fruit and vegetables, the greatest factor in the current high cost of living. **POINTS TO INDEX**

Pointing to the Dun & Bradstreet index showing 31 principal food items at the highest point in history, Sabath told the House that prices are still rising.

"We are now told blandly by the packers' lobby," he said, "which six months ago was shouting that the way to get the meat we wanted at prices we wanted to pay was to wreck the price control act, that current record high prices on the wholesale market will not reach consumers for two or three weeks."

"Eight months ago the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers and other powerful producers and merchandisers' lobbies ran full page ads to tell the American people, at \$2,000 a page and more in hundreds of newspapers, that the American housewife would be her own best price control law. But people must eat. Consumers can't strike."

"PROPAGANDA BATTLE" "Under such a propaganda battle of distortion, misrepresentation, and half-truths as we have seldom seen in America, the administration lifted virtually all price controls."

"Now a propaganda war is under way, against consumers, to kill the last remaining controls on rents, sugar, and rice."

Assailing the Republican Congress as "filled with pity for the poor little rich boys with their hands in the consumers' pockets," Sabath said it is "time that the unending raid on the public should be exposed for what it is."

Red Cross financial aid to veterans and their families has increased almost 80 per cent in the past year, reflecting the great increase in discharges.

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It is important that your dues are paid on or before the 15th day of the current month in order to be covered by this Group Life Insurance. Every member in good standing will receive an insurance policy as well as a letter from the Union in a short time. It is important that you contact the Union office immediately for any corrections or changes of beneficiary within the next two weeks. If you are not able to come to the office, call by telephone—our number is 4893. Remember, all non-beneficiary members are automatically covered and their dues will also be \$3 per month. This insurance applies to all members in good standing.

IMPORTANT: MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW RECEIVING SICK BENEFITS ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE LIFE GROUP UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY ARE OFF THE SICK LIST.

SPIEGEL FOODS COMPANY employees: It is with regret that we are not able to determine when this large frozen food plant will re-open. Every effort is being made to replace all of our members who originally worked there on other jobs. Since Spiegel Foods Company has closed we have written contracts with two spinach packing sheds in this area and a number of girls are gainfully employed who originally worked at Spiegel Foods Co.

S.P. MILLING COMPANY: On Thursday, March 13, the transcripts of the arbitration proceedings effecting the seed industry has been submitted to the attorneys for the Union and they are preparing the final brief, after which the Board will meet and render a decision. We realize that the delay in this matter has been beyond all expectations; however, in the case of the S.P. Milling Company the retroactive date is November 20, and in the case of the Eckhart Seed Company and Mitchell Silliman, the

Douglas Appointment As Envoy Denounced

New York City

The man who fought against relief for millions of jobless in the early New Deal days is not fit to be U.S. ambassador to Great Britain, the Progressive Citizens of America said, protesting appointment of Lewis Douglas to the post.

Calling on President Truman to name a "real progressive" to the job, PCA pointed out that Douglas as Roosevelt's first director of the budget "fought vigorously against relief to the unemployed and all other heroic measures advocated by President Roosevelt. . . . This appointment indicates to many people how far we are drifting from Roosevelt traditions."

The Orneri Cusses

Those mysterious Russians will do anything to make the U.S. good and mad. Now they've run out on the expected flight over U.S. seizure of those 623 Pacific islands and they're going to let us go bankrupt tortifying them.

ents would get the full \$5000 in a lump sum or monthly installments. Another advantage of endowments is that no matter what kind of financial difficulty the veteran may get into, the money he has saved in his NSLI policy is never subject to attachment, levy, or seizure at any time.

QUESTION: "What will happen to my NSLI if I become disabled and cannot make payments?"

ANSWER: All NSLI policies carry a provision that protects the policy holder to this extent: if he becomes totally disabled for a six months' period or longer, he may apply for waiver of premium. Future payments will be assumed by the NSLI fund, the face value of the policy remaining the same. In addition, payments made by the policy holder after the date of disability will be refunded.

QUESTION: "Is it true that I can get a discount by paying my NSLI premium in advance?"

ANSWER: Yes. You get 3 per cent discount on monthly premiums paid one year in advance.

QUESTION: "For what term of years can a VA guaranteed loan be made?"

ANSWER: Home and business real estate loans must be paid within 25 years; farm loans within 40 years; non-real estate loans within 10 years.

The following is final group of questions and answers pertaining to Disability Insurance from State of California:

31-Q: Will Disability Insurance be paid for more than one illness or injury during the same year?

A: Yes. The number of claims is immaterial; payments being limited only by the total amount for which the worker is eligible. However, a waiting period of seven days is required for each period of disability.

32-Q: Does the worker have the right of appeal regarding a claim?

A: The right of appeal is the same as under Unemployment Insurance. That is, the worker may first ask for a reconsideration of the initial determination. Then, if not satisfied, he may appeal the case to a Referee of the Department of Employment. If still not satisfied, the claimant may appeal to the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

33-Q: May an employer object to the payment of a claim?

A: Yes, either the last employer or any base period employer should notify the department of any reasons which may render the claimant ineligible for benefits.

34-Q: Are Disability Insurance payments charged against the employer's unemployment experience rating accounts?

A: Disability Insurance payments are not charged against the unemployment experience rating accounts of the employer.

35-Q: What provisions have been made for Voluntary Disability Insurance Plans?

A: The law provides that an employer, if a majority of his employees consent, may adopt a voluntary disability insurance plan. The plan must pay benefits greater than would accrue to the claimant under the state plan. Also, the California Employment Stabilization Commission must approve the plan before it is put into effect. Employees covered by an approved voluntary plan are exempt from the 1 per cent tax to the State.

36-Q: Under a voluntary plan, does the worker retain his appeal rights?

A: Yes, the employee has the same right of appeal under a voluntary plan as under the State plan. If his claim is approved after appeal, it will be paid by the Department of Employment and charged against the voluntary plan.

The following members received sick benefits this week from the Union:

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